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## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Arizona, May 2025 (expected)

Dissertation: *On Our Own Terms: Equality and the Social Meaning of Bodies*

Advisors: Thomas Christiano and Jason Turner (co-chairs), Suzanne Dovi (political theory), and Sara Bernstein (external)

B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, The Ohio State University, 2019

## Areas of Specialization

Feminist and Trans Philosophy; Political and Social Philosophy; Philosophy of Law

## Areas of Competence

Biomedical Ethics; Metaphysics; Logic

## Presentations

### *Refereed Talks*

“Taking Gender Seriously: Transgender Equality as Gender Equality”

Central APA, New Orleans, LA, February 2024

“‘Medical Diagnosis, Not Sex or Gender Identity’: Transgender Equality and the Neutral Application Problem”

UCLA Workshop on Law, Ethics, and Political Theory, November 2023 (prize for best graduate student submission)

“On Our Own Terms: Trans Women Crafting the Meaning of ‘Woman’”

USC-UCLA Graduate Conference, April 2023

“Pregnant Persons as a Gender Category: A Trans Feminist Analysis of Pregnancy Discrimination”

Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference, April 2023

Central APA, Denver, CO, February 2023

### “Two Senses in Which Freedom Might (Not) Require Alternative Possibilities”

Workshop on Free Will and Agency, as part of the LATAM Free Will, Agency and Responsibility Project, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, May 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)

#### *Invited Comments*

Lauren Perry’s “A Victim by Any Other Name? A Speech Act Analysis of Victim-Blaming,” 4th Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Tucson, AZ, April 2023

Joan O’Bryan’s “Uncovering an Idealist Ontology of Patriarchy: Patriarchy as a System of Meaning in Beauvoir, Butler, and MacKinnon,” 3rd Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Tucson, AZ, March 2022

Anastasiia Grigoreva’s “Nonbinary Russians: The Excluded by Robin Dembroff’s Account of Genderqueer,” 2nd Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, virtual, May 2021

Dee Payton’s “Ameliorative Projects in the Philosophy of Gender,” 1st Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Tucson, AZ, February 2020

### Public Philosophy

“Putting Gender Back into Transgender Equality: On *Iglesias v. Federal Bureau of Prisons*,” *APA Blog, Law and Philosophy Series*, September 2023 (invited), <https://blog.apaonline.org/2023/09/21/putting-gender-back-into-transgender-equality-on-iglesias-v-federal-bureau-of-prisons/>

### Selected Awards

Travel Grant (selective), Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona, February 2023

Co-Recipient, Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Prize for the best essay by a graduate student, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, May 2020

William E. Bingham Award for the best undergraduate paper in philosophy, Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University, April 2017

### Teaching

#### *Instructor of Record*

Law and Morality (Summer 2023; Summer 2021; Summer 2020)

Feminist Philosophy (Spring 2023)

Logic in Law (Fall 2022; Spring 2022)

Medical Ethics (Fall 2021)

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Contemporary Moral Problems (Michael McKenna, Fall 2023)

Personal Morality (Carolina Sartorio, Spring 2021)

Freedom, Equality, and Authority (Tom Christiano, Fall 2020)

Mind, Matter, and God (Chris Maloney, Fall 2019)

#### *New Course Development*

Sex, Gender, and Love: An Introduction to Social Philosophy (for UA's new General Education curriculum, under review)

#### *Undergraduate Honors Contracts Advised*

Morrigan Malloy (Feminist Philosophy, Spring 2023, the ethics of abortion)

Catie Holt (Medical Ethics, Fall 2021, patient autonomy)

Lauren Skyler (Medical Ethics, Fall 2021, the ethics of organ cloning)

#### **Service**

##### *Departmental*

University of Arizona Ethics Bowl Team, Co-Coach, Fall 2019–Fall 2021; Coach, Fall 2022–

General Education Refresh Committee, Fall 2022–Spring 2023

Guest Speaker, Undergraduate Philosophy Club, March 2022

Organizer, Feminist Philosophy Reading Group, Spring 2020–Summer 2021

##### *Professional*

Co-Organizer, Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference, Fall 2019–

##### *Referee*

*Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; Arizona Feminist Philosophy Graduate Conference (19 papers);  
UA Graduate and Professional Student Council (11 travel grants; 4 research grants)

#### **Graduate Coursework**

##### *Value Theory*

The Rationality and Morality of Political Participation (Tom Christiano, Spring 2022, audit)

Iris Marion Young's *Justice and the Politics of Difference* (Tom Christiano, Spring 2022, independent study)

The Law and Philosophy of Contracts (Tom Christiano & Simone Sepe, Spring 2021)

Philosophical Foundations of Private Law (Tom Christiano & Simone Sepe, Spring 2020)

Moral Phenomenology (Terry Horgan & Mark Timmons, Spring 2020)

Modeling Political Philosophy (Jerry Gaus, Fall 2019)

Sentimentalism in Ethics (Justin D'Arms, Ohio State, Autumn 2017)

### *Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Language*

Topics in Metaphysics: Ontology, Time, Modality, and Causation (Jason Turner, Spring 2023, audit)  
Metasemantics (Jason Turner, Fall 2021)

Grounding Agency and Responsibility (Carolina Sartorio & Michael McKenna, Fall 2021)

Recent Topics in Philosophical Methodology: Experimental Philosophy, Epistemic Diversity, and Conceptual Engineering (Jonathan Weinberg, Fall 2020)

Knowledge and Skepticism (Juan Comesaña, Fall 2020)

Defeaters in Epistemology (Juan Comesaña, Spring 2020)

Theories of Action and Free Will (Carolina Sartorio & Michael McKenna, Fall 2019)

### *History*

Kant's Conception of Transcendental Critique (Houston Smit, Spring 2021)

Descartes and Leibniz (Houston Smit, Fall 2020)

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Lisa Shabel, Ohio State, Spring 2018)

### *Logic*

Logical Consequence (Jason Turner, Fall 2019)

Metatheory of Classical and Non-Classical First Order Logics (Neil Tennant, Ohio State, Spring 2017)

## Additional Educational Experience

### *Faculty-Led Reading Groups*

Niko Kolodny's *The Pecking Order: Social Hierarchy as a Philosophical Problem* (Tom Christiano & Steve Wall, Summer 2023)

Colin Bird's *Human Dignity and Political Criticism* (Tom Christiano, Fall 2022)

Margaret Gilbert's *Rights and Demands: A Foundational Inquiry* (Tom Christiano, Summer 2022)

Sophia Moreau's *Faces of Inequality: A Theory of Wrongful Discrimination* (Tom Christiano, Fall 2021)

Kristi Olson's *The Solidarity Solution: Principles for a Fair Income Distribution* (Tom Christiano, Spring 2021)

Martha Nussbaum's *Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach* (Tom Christiano, Summer 2020)

Amartya Sen's *Inequality Reexamined* (Tom Christiano, Summer 2020)

Carolina Sartorio's *Causation and Free Will* (Carolina Sartorio, Spring 2020)  
Relational Egalitarianism (Tom Christiano, Fall 2019)

*Student-Led Reading Groups*

- Julia Serano's *Sexed Up: How Society Sexualizes Us, and How We Can Fight Back* (Fall 2022)  
Talia Mae Bettcher (Summer 2022)  
Relational Autonomy (Summer 2021)  
Miranda Fricker's *Epistemic Injustice: Power and the Ethics of Knowing* (Spring 2021)  
Race and Racial Identity (Fall 2020)  
Eva Feder Kittay's *Learning from My Daughter: The Value and Care of Disabled Minds* (Summer 2020)  
Elizabeth Barnes's *The Minority Body: A Theory of Disability* (Spring 2020)

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